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SUBJECT: PLO DELEGATION: CHANGE TO OBSERVER STATUS

1. IN CONNECTION WITH UNGA VOTE AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 22 TO
GIVE OBSERVER STATUS TO PLO, WE UNDERSTAND THAT MOST OF
DELEGATION TO DEBATE WILL DEPART NEW YORK WITHIN NEXT FEW
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DAYS AND THAT OTHER PLO REPS ABROAD WHO WILL BE ON STAFF OF

OBSERVER MISSION WILL APPLY SUBSEQUENTLY FOR VISAS.

2. PENDING FURTHER STUDY DEPT CONCLUDES THAT APPROPRIATE VISA STATUS FOR OBSERVER MISSION WOULD BE C-2, VISA NOW HELD BY PLO DEL. THIS WILL LIMIT HOLDER TO TRAVEL WITHIN 25 MILES OF COLUMBUS CIRCLE, NEW YORK CITY; EXCEPTIONS MUST BE CONSIDERED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. DEPARTMENT, HAVING REVIEWED PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH OBSERVER MISSIONS IN NEW YORK, DOES NOT BELIEVE OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON ACTIVITIES OF PLO DEL TO BE APPROPRIATE; THIS COMPARABLE TO TREATMENT ACCORDED NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER MISSION. OTHER QUESTIONS SUCH AS FREE ENTRY PRIVILEGES ARE UNDER STUDY AND WILL BE SUBJECT OF LATER MESSAGE.

3. USUN SHOULD ASK UN SECRETARIAT TO INFORM IT SOONEST OF NAMES OF PLO OBSERVER DEL. PLO DEL NOW HERE IS AUTHORIZED STAY THROUGH END OF PALESTINE DEBATE. INS HAS INFORMED DEPT THAT UPON REQUEST IT WILL EXTEND DURATION OF STAY OF THOSE PLO REPS WHO REMAIN BEHIND AS PART OF OBSERVER

MISSION THROUGH END OF GA SESSION. PLO DEL MAY BE SO INFORMED. USUN SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO SECRETARIAT OUR VIEW THAT PLO OBSERVER DEL BE KEPT VERY SMALL.

4. POSTS ARE AWARE OF EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE MADE FOR PLO DELEGATION MEMBERS DURING DEBATE. IT NEITHER POSSIBLE NOR APPROPRIATE TO CONTINUE THESE EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES FOR THE PLO OBSERVER MISSION. WE HAVE ASKED POLICE TO GIVE CONTINUING AND KEEN ATTENTION TO PROTECTION OF PLO OBSERVER OFFICE. WE ALSO REQUESTING EPS TO CONTINUE "FIXED-POST" PROTECTION FOR PLO OFFICE, BUT NO DECISION YET MADE. IN ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC THREATS, US WILL NOT PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION TO PLO OBSERVER DEL MEMBERS.

5. VISA APPLICATIONS FOR OBSERVER MISSION SHOULD BE SENT BY POST TO DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL. TELEGRAM SHOULD BE HEADED BOULDER NAME CHECK, SPECIAL CASE, PLO OBSERVER MISSION.

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6. PENDING RECEIPT FURTHER INFO FROM USUN AND UN SECRETARIAT, NO DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE ON POSSIBLE STATUS OF PLO OBSERVER MISSION FOLLOWING CONCLUSION GA. INGERSOLL

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